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Note verbale dated 21 October 1996 from the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations (Vienna) addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations (Vienna) presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, in accordance with article IV, paragraph 1, of the Convention on Registration of Objects Launched into Outer Space,* has the honour to transmit information concerning the Advanced Earth Observing Satellite (ADEOS) (MIDORI) and JAS-2 (Fuji 3) satellite, which were launched in August 1996 (see annex).

*General Assembly resolution 3235 (XXIX), annex, of 12 November 1974.

Annex

REGISTRATION DATA FOR JAPANESE SPACE LAUNCHES*

Name of object launched:	**Advanced Earth Observing Satellite (ADEOS) (MIDORI)**
Name of launching state:	**Japan**
Designation:	**1996-046A**
Date of launch:	**17 August 1996 (01:53 hrs UTC)**
Location of launch:	**Tanegashima Space Center, Kagoshima, Japan**
Basic orbital parameters: (as of 10 September 1996)	**Nodal period: 101 minutes** **Inclination: 98.6 degrees** **Apogee: 804 kilometers** **Perigee: 789 kilometers**
Launch vehicle:	**H-II Rocket Flight 4F (H-II, 4F)**
Launching organization:	**National Space Development Agency (NASDA)**
General function of space object:	**The purposes of the Advanced Earth Observing Satellite (ADEOS) are to verify functions and performance of two NASDA sensors - Ocean Color and Temperature Scanner (OCTS) and Advanced Visible and Near-Infrared Radiometer (AVNIR) - and to provide earth observation data.** **To promote international cooperation in the earth observation field, NASDA made an announcement of opportunity (AO) for members of the international community to provide their sensors on board ADEOS.** **Six proposals have been selected. In addition, ADEOS has a technical development mission such as the inter-orbit communication experiment.**

*The registration data are reproduced in the form in which they were received.

Name of object launched:	**JAS-2 (Fuji 3)**
Name of launching state:	**Japan**
Designation:	**1996-046B**
Date of launch:	**17 August 1996 (01:53 hrs UTC)**
Location of launch:	**Tanegashima Space Center, Kagoshima, Japan**
Basic orbital parameters (as of 10 September 1996):	
	Nodal period: 106 minutes
	Inclination: 99 degrees
	Apogee: 1,321 kilometers
	Perigee: 799 kilometers
Launch vehicle:	**H-II Rocket Flight 4F (H-II, 4F)**
Launching organization:	**National Space Development Agency (NASDA)**
General function of space object:	**Amateur satellite communications** **Development of amateur radio communications satellite technology**